

Shrewsbury Public Schools
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

Middle School and High School Acceptable Use Agreement

1. I agree to use the Internet and any form of school technology responsibly. School technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, printers, copiers, cameras, and interactive web resources for educational purposes. This agreement extends to use of technology that I may be able to use off site.
2. I will respect the rights of copyright owners by limiting copying to essential materials and providing attribution (citations) for images and text. I will avoid plagiarism by ensuring that my papers and projects reflect my thoughts and ideas as well as cited paraphrases, summaries and quotations. I will ask teachers or media staff for assistance if I have questions regarding these terms.
3. I understand I may use a personal device on the school network, that I may have to obtain permission by the technology department to determine if it is an approved device, and that I may have to provide proof that the device has the latest virus protection software installed. Additionally all school policies apply to me whether I'm using my own device or school technologies.
4. I understand the network is a valuable resource for teaching, learning and many other forms of productivity for students, staff and parents. I understand that downloading large files or attachments may compromise network speed and I will avoid this type of activity without permission from the technology department even if I am using a personal device. I will limit my use of downloading large files to classroom lessons and research. If I am a high school student, and time permits in my schedule, and technology is available, such as in the media center or a computer lab study, I may ask permission of the supervising adult before I use a school computer for personal use.
5. I understand that my participation in these interactive web resources from school, using a personal device or not, must represent what is expected from a student in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Therefore, any speech that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all uses of email, blogs, podcasts, or other interactive web 2.0 tools. This includes, but is not limited to, profane, racist, sexist or other discriminatory remarks. Additionally, I will promptly inform a teacher if any messages received or material reviewed is inappropriate.
6. I understand access to the Internet has to be filtered. If I need access to a blocked site I will work with my teachers to explore options available. I will not attempt to by-pass any blocked sites or circumvent the filter in any manner.
7. I will not share my personal account information with anyone, use an account assigned to another user or leave the account open or unattended. I will not delete or tamper with anyone else's files, folders, or work.
8. I understand that network files are not private, there is no expectation of privacy when I use the school district's network, and anything I do can be viewed by administration at any time.

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I understand that should I violate this contract, the consequences could be the revocation of all network access, suspension from school, and legal action by the authorities. I will contact the principal of my school if I have any questions about this agreement or its implementation.
